

Due to his unwavering leadership, Armstrong Ambulance Service has grown to accommodate the medical transportation for over 40,000 people a year in the Greater Boston area.

I applaud the accomplishments of Mr. Armstrong. His special evening of recognition on December 16, 1995, will be a perfect opportunity to reflect upon such a joyous occasion with family and friends. I would like to extend my deepest congratulations to Mr. William F. Armstrong. His 50th anniversary of serving others is truly commendable and is a fine example of the notion of community.

IN MEMORY OF H.G. "SKINNY"
TAYLOR

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the passing of H.G. "Skinny" Taylor, an Illinois political legend. For years an actively involved Republican, friends on both sides of the aisle throughout the 19th Congressional District and the State of Illinois will miss his wit, style, and grace. It is with great sadness that I offer my condolences to his family.

A graduate of Robinson, IL, High School and Millikin University, Skinny owned and operated the Decatur Warehouse Co. A dedicated member of his community, Skinny took leadership roles in the Kiwanis Club, the Decatur Association of Commerce, the Westminster Presbyterian Church, and the Millikin Alumni Association. But his greatest impression was left in politics, presiding as the chairman of the Macon County Republican Party for 39 years, while also serving as a Republican precinct committeeman for 54 years. In both posts he was instrumental in acquainting the Decatur area with State and national politicians. Skinny introduced many statewide candidates to the nuances of campaigning in downstate Illinois, urging them to get in touch with the problems that affected rural communities.

Mr. Speaker, "Skinny" Taylor handled these many roles with a gentleness that impressed all that met him. He touched many lives, and brought to politics the common sense belief that good government was good politics. In the sometimes fractious environment in Washington, we can all learn from his example. Let us duly note a life well lived.

A 104TH BIRTHDAY SALUTE TO
JAMES EDWARD GIBSON OF
PHILADELPHIA

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute James Edward Gibson on the occasion of his 104th birthday and for his dedicated service to the New Central Baptist Church.

On December 25, 1995, the New Central Baptist Church will proudly join with James

Edward Gibson on the occasion of his 104th birthday and for his tireless dedication as trustee emeritus of the New Central Baptist Church of Philadelphia. Brother Gibson has lived a life of service to God and the church. He has served the New Central Baptist Church since 1915, in many capacities from usher board member to trustee emeritus. Not only is he a valued and cherished member of the trustees, he is so much more, he is a source of inspiration and comfort to the entire congregation of the New Central Baptist Church. Brother Gibson has served the New Central Baptist Church with honor, dignity, and commitment, offering new and innovative ideas to the community.

I join with the congregation of the New Central Baptist Church, friends, family, and the Philadelphia community today in celebrating the 104th birthday of James Edward Gibson. I wish Brother Gibson and the New Central Baptist Church the very best as together they continue their service to the Philadelphia community.

PROCLAMATION HONORING DONNA
MAHFOUZ

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Donna Mahfouz has faithfully served the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield family for twenty-three years; and

Whereas, Donna Mahfouz has held the post of legislative secretary for the Government Relations Office, since its inception seventeen years ago; and,

Whereas, her strong work ethic, superlative organizational skills, and warm sense of humor have greatly contributed to the success of Blue Cross and Blue Shield; and

Whereas, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield owes Donna Mahfouz a great deal of gratitude for her selfless devotion and dedicated service; and,

Whereas, I join the employees of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, with distinct pleasure, in honoring Donna Mahfouz upon her retirement as legislative secretary for the Government Relations Office.

PROPOSING CUTBACKS IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY REGARDING
THE OZONE LAYER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, according to TOM DELAY, House majority whip, "What has happened over the last 10 to 20 years is the environmental extremists have had their way with regulators and with Congress and they've gone way beyond reasonableness and common sense"—October 8 Houston Chronicle.

In support of this argument, Mr. DELAY has introduced a bill to lift the ban on the chemicals covered by the ozone-layer ban and other substances. In the October 27 Washington Post, DELAY, a former exterminator, was quoted as saying "the science underlying the

CFC ban is debatable" and the agreement to terminate the use of CFC's "is the result of a media scare."

A couple of weeks later, the Royal Swedish Academy of Science announced this year's Nobel Prize in chemistry was awarded for work that led to the international ban on chemicals believed to be depleting the Earth's protective ozone layer. These scientists discovered that when chlorofluorocarbons [CFC's], standard coolants in refrigerators and air-conditioners, leak, they rise heavenward and destroy ozone molecules that shield the Earth from the Sun.

As you know, in 1985, scientists confirmed the existence of a hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica. This ecological crisis spurred more than 120 countries to negotiate and approve the Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer, which President Reagan signed in 1987. In 1989, Congress enacted a tax on ozone-depleting chemicals—CFC's or chlorofluorocarbons—to provide an economic incentive to reduce production and use of these destructive substances. This tax has very successfully accelerated the phase-out of harmful chemicals while at the same time it has spurred development of ozone-safe alternatives.

However, TOM DELAY, the House majority whip, remains unconvinced. In the November 4 Houston Chronicle, DELAY said the Nobel Prize has not changed his opinion that the ban on the chemicals to protect the ozone layer was the result of media scare. In a separate interview, one of the three Nobel winners for ozone-depletion research, Mario Molina of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said such charges evidently result from DELAY's lack of knowledge * * * and that all I can say is it's ignorance, real ignorance. DELAY was also quoted as saying that Sweden—where the Nobel program is based—is an extremist country, and the award to Molina and the two other scientists was nothing more than the Nobel appeasement prize linked to a Swedish agenda.

DELAY said the Nobel Prize notwithstanding, he and a number of scientists are not persuaded by the Chicken Little theory that ozone depletion is being caused by CFC's or other manmade materials, or that there would be substantial negative effects even if that happened.

DELAY said his University of Houston biology degree and his many years of dealing with chemicals as owner of a pest-control company enable him to interpret scientific findings, including emerging research that calls the CFC ban into question.

To support a ban on chemicals to protect the ozone layer, he said he would want to see "a direct correlation" between CFC's and ozone depletion, and also "make sure the so-called UV [ultraviolet] radiation that's supposed to make people drop like flies is actually making people drop like flies."

Common sense dictates that waiting for this degree of evidence is waiting too long. A person doesn't need to wait for a brick to drop on his head before he believes it would hurt. The proof that Mr. DELAY requires is exactly the type of catastrophe that current legislation regarding ozone-depleting chemicals was enacted to prevent.

Normally, I would not take this type of know-nothingness seriously. However, with the new Republicans and their anti-environment. Contract With America it appears they are not